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1. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND, NOT RELEASED TO PUBLIC BY DEPARTMENT, OF UNITED STATES POLICY IN CYPRUS CRISIS:

QUOTE. FROM OUTSET OF THE CRISIS ON JULY 15, THE UNITED STATES HAS URGED RESTRAINT ON ALL PARTIES AND MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE SISCO MISSION TO LONDON, ATHENS AND ANKARA, TO AVERT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. WHEN FIGHTING BROKE OUT ON JULY 20, THE UNITED STATES DIRECTED ITS EFFORTS TOWARD OBTAINING AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AND THE INITIATION OF DISCUSSIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. ON JULY 21 A UNITED STATES PROPOSAL FOR A CEASE-FIRE TO TAKE EFFECT THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND

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TURKEY. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD SECRETARY KISSINGER RE-

MAINED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES INTIMATELY CONCERNED WITH THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

ON JULY 25, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREAT BRITAIN, TURKEY AND GREECE MET IN GENEVA IN THEIR CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GUARANTOR POWERS OF CYPRUS' CONSTITUTIONAL

ORDER. THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THESE DISCUSSIONS BUT DID SEND AN OBSERVER, AMBASSADOR WILLIAM BUFFUM, WHO MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DELEGATIONS OF THE GUARANTOR POWERS. THE UNITED STATES GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE GENEVA TALKS AND AT ONE POINT WAS ABLE TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN SUGGESTING A CERTAIN COMPROMISE IN THE GENEVA DECLARATION OF JULY 30 WHICH RESULTED IN THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THAT CONFERENCE.

TO CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN VISITED ANKARA, NICOSIA AND ATHENS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. AT THE SECOND GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH BEGAN ON AUGUST 8, THE UNITED STATES AGAIN TRIED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN SUSTAINING THE TALKS AND PERSUADING TURKEY TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR THE PRESENTATION OF TURKISH PROPOSALS AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF THEM BY THE OTHER PARTIES.

IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF THE FIGHTING, SECRETARY KISSINGER REMAINED IN DIRECT AND FREQUENT COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS INTACT. ON AUGUST 13 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PUBLICLY STATED ITS VIEW THAT DIPLOMATIC MEANS HAD NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED AND THAT A RESORT TO FORCE WOULD BE UNJUSTIFIED. THUS, WHEN TURKEY RESUMED ITS MILITARY ACTIONS ON AUGUST 14, THE UNITED STATES REPEATED THAT MILITARY ACTION WAS UNJUSTIFIED, PUBLICLY DEPLORED THE TURKISH USE OF FORCE, SUPPORTED UN RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS IN ANKARA TO BRING ABOUT AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE. ON AUGUST 16 TURKEY ANNOUNCED A CEASE-FIRE FOR 1900 TURKISH TIME.

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THROUGH A RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS CAN A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BE FOUND AND PEACE AND STABILITY THROUGHOUT THE AREA BE RESTORED. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THIS REALITY. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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